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NAAC Accredited 'A' Grade University
Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla-5
Academic Branch

NOTIFICATION

Dated
21 JUN 2025

The Standing Committee of Academic Council vide item No. 5 of its meeting held on 27-5-2025 has approved the recommendations of the subcommittee (constituted by the Vice-Chancellor Vide notification No. 16-63/2001-HPU (Genl.) dated 27-10-2024) regarding '**pursuing two academic programme simultaneously as per annexure.**

Yours faithfully,

Encls. As above.

Registrar
HPU, Shimla-5.

Dated: **21 JUN 2025**

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Copy for information and further necessary action to:-

1. The Dean of Studies, H.P. University, Shimla-5.
2. The Principal Secretary (Hr. Edu.) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla-2.
3. All the Deans of the Faculties, H.P. University, H.P.U. Shimla-5.
4. The Controller of Examination, H.P.U. Shimla-5.
5. All the Chairman/Chairperson/Director of the Teaching Department, H.P.U. Shimla-5.
6. The Director, Higher Education, H.P. Shimla-1.
7. The D.R./A.R. (Secrecy/Exam-(PG)/Admn./Recruitment, HPU, Shimla-5.
8. The Incharge, CCEW, HPU, Shimla-5.
9. The Web-Admin, HPU, Shimla-5 with the request to upload the letter alongwith its annexures.
10. The SPS to Vice-Chancellor/SPS to Pro-Vice-Chancellor/SPS to Registrar, HPU, Shimla-5.
11. Guard file.

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HP University Guidelines for Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously

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- enabling an individual to study one or more specialized areas of interest at a deep level, and also develop character, ethical and constitutional values, intellectual curiosity, scientific temper, creativity, spirit of service.
- offering the students, a range of disciplines including sciences, social sciences, arts, humanities, languages, as well as professional, technical, and vocational subjects to make them thoughtful, well-rounded, and creative individuals.
- preparing students for more meaningful and satisfying lives and work roles and enable economic independence.

Guidelines for Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously

1. A student can pursue two full time academic programmes in physical mode provided that in such cases, class timings for one programme do not overlap with the class timings of the other programme. No request for changes in the existing academic programmes shall be entertained.
2. A student can pursue two academic programmes, one in full time physical mode and another in Open and Distance Learning (ODL)/Online mode; or up to two ODL/Online programmes simultaneously.
3. Two academic programmes shall be pursued by the student from the same University or from different Universities/Institutions.
4. Degree or diploma programmes under ODL/Online mode shall be pursued with only such HEIs which are recognized by UGC/Statutory Council/Govt. of India/HP University for running such programmes.
5. Degree or diploma programmes under these guidelines shall be governed by the Regulations notified by the UGC and also the respective statutory/professional councils of HP University, wherever applicable.
6. The students shall be allowed to enrol to multidisciplinary programmes. However, the students shall be required to fulfil all the admission requirements for each degree programme. No changes in eligibility conditions shall be made to accommodate candidates into any of the academic programmes.
7. The students interested in pursuing two degree/academic programmes simultaneously shall be accommodated under the existing infrastructure and set up of the institution.
8. Multiple entry and exist option as introduced by the NEP will be applicable for all degrees, whether single or double, online or offline, degree or diploma, UG or PG.
9. The students shall not be allowed to use the credits earned in one programme to fulfil the requirement of another programme.
10. The above guidelines shall be applicable only to the students pursuing academic programmes in regular/ODL/Online mode other than Ph.D. programme.

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11. These guidelines shall come into effect from the date of their notification by the HP University. No retrospective benefit can be claimed by the students who have already done two academic programmes simultaneously prior to the notification of these guidelines.

Note:

- I. The students interested to two academic programmes simultaneously would be required to register with Academic Bank of Credits.
- II. An undertaking from the candidate shall be required at the time of admission if he/she intends to pursue any other simultaneous course/degree programme at the time of admission provided in **Appendix**. Further the application for pursuing other academic programme shall be forwarded through the Chairperson/Director/Principal of the Institute/College where he/she is currently studying.



**UNDERTAKING BY THE STUDENT FOR PURSUING TWO ACADEMIC
PROGRAMMES SIMULTANEOUSLY**

I, _____ Son/Daughter of _____
resident of _____ do hereby
declare as under:-

1. That I am seeking admission to the Department of _____.
2. That I shall inform the university about the courses/degree being pursued by me in other
University/Institute for pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously, as per HPU rules.

Declare this _____ day _____ of month of _____ year.

Signature of student

Name _____

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